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ECONOMIC CONDITION OF AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has analysed the economic conditions of the working labourers in agricultural sector in the country after globalisation;

(b) if so, the average number of working days of these agricultural labourers annually during 1990-91 and the total number of working days these labourers had got employment during 2000-2001; and

(c) the average annual income during the above mentioned period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): Estimates of employment, unemployment and labour force are obtained from quinquennial National Sample Survey Organisation. As per the surveys carried out by them during 1993-94 and 1999-2000, the percentage of workers engaged in agriculture was around 65% and 60% respectively. Out of the total of 397 million workers in the country in the year 1999-2000 the number of workers who worked less than 183 days in a year was around 31 million. The annual average wage per workers engaged as casual labour was Rs.7704 in rural areas and Rs.11748 in urban areas during the year 1999-2000.

The Government has launched various employment oriented schemes like Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana to provide wage employment whenever there is acute shortage of employment such as lean agriculture seasons or drought. Some of the other schemes include Swaranjayanati Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana etc.